## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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### **DOCKET NO. 2014-406-S**

## Application of Development Service, Inc. for Approval of Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

Development Service, Inc. ("DSI") has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of an increase in its existing rates and charges pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations, specifically, S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (Supp. 2013) and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4A and 103-503 (2013).

According to the Application, the purpose and justification for the instant filing is due substantially to proposed assessments for property taxes to be levied against DSI's utility wastewater plant. The Application further reveals that it has been a period of nearly a decade since the Applicant has sought an increase in rates, and an absolute need to cover the costs of property taxes, as contained in Exhibit H of the Application, debt service, rate expense, labor, and maintenance, and to obtain a fair reasonable margin, are each imperative. Further, operating revenues to sustain an operating return of 15% based upon exhibited accounting pro forma adjustments necessitate a 54.45% increase over the base year at December 31, 2013.

# THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW (The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

|                                | Current Rate | Order No. 2011-72 | <b>Proposed Rate</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Residential                    | 26.48        |                   | 40.90                |
| Apartments                     | 25.15        |                   | 38.84                |
|                                |              |                   |                      |
| Commercial                     |              |                   |                      |
| Service Station                |              |                   |                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Bay, per bay   | 41.16        |                   | 63.57                |
| Additional bay                 | 20.58        |                   | 31.79                |
| Without bay                    | 28.92        |                   | 44.67                |
| <b>Food Service Operations</b> |              |                   |                      |
| Ordinary (not 24 hrs.)         | 4.12         |                   | 6.36                 |
| 24 hour Restaurant/Seat        | 6.16         |                   | 9.51                 |
| Drive-In/car space             | 4.12         |                   | 6.36                 |
| Fast-Food/car space            | 4.12         |                   | 6.36                 |
| Vending Machine                | 2.46         |                   | 3.80                 |
| Churches                       |              |                   |                      |
| Church per Seat, <132 seats    | 26.48        |                   | 40.90                |
| Church/seat>132 seats          |              | 0.20              | 0.31                 |
| Minimum Monthly Charge         | 26.48        |                   | 40.90                |
| Car Washes                     |              |                   |                      |
| Car Wash per car               | 4.18         |                   | 6.46                 |
| Offices                        |              |                   |                      |
| Per person (no restaurant)     | 1.03         |                   | 1.59                 |
| Nursing/Rest Homes             |              |                   |                      |
| Per bed (no laundry)           | 3.50         |                   | 5.41                 |

| Per bed (with laundry)                  | 4.12  | 6.36  |
|---|-------|-------|
| Schools                                 |       |       |
| Per Student, no showers, Gym, cafeteria | 0.82  | 1.27  |
| Per Student, with cafeteria, no gym,    |       |       |
| showers                                 | 1.03  | 1.59  |
| Per Student, with cafeteria, Gym,       |       |       |
| showers                                 | 1.24  | 1.92  |
| <b>Shopping Centers</b>                 |       |       |
| Per 1,000 sq. ft space                  | 8.24  | 12.73 |
| Swimming Pools                          |       |       |
| Per person with facilities              | 0.82  | 1.27  |
| Theaters                                |       |       |
| Indoor/seat                             | 0.44  | 0.68  |
| Drive-In/Stall                          | 0.44  | 0.68  |
| Picnic Parks                            |       |       |
| Average Attendance                      | 1.24  | 1.92  |
| Institutions                            |       |       |
| Per Resident                            | 3.50  | 5.41  |
| Laundries                               |       |       |
| Self Serve (per machine)                | 14.00 | 21.62 |
| Mobile Homes                            |       |       |
| Per Person                              | 3.50  | 5.41  |
| Motels                                  |       |       |
| Per Unit (no restaurant)                | 3.50  | 5.41  |
| Factories                               |       |       |
| Each Employee no showers                | 1.24  | 1.92  |
| Each Employee w/showers                 | 1.63  | 2.52  |
| Each Employee/w kitchen facilities      | 2.04  | 3.15  |

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at <a href="www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> under Docket No. 2014-406-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the corporate office of Charles H. Cook, Esquire, Cook Law Firm, 6806 Pine Tree Circle, Columbia, South Carolina 29206.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, May 05, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through May 6, 2015, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 16, 2015**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2014-406-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket*. Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 16, 2015**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2014-406-S*.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: 3/31/2015; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: 4/14/2015; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: 4/21/2015; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: 4/28/2015. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> under **Docket No. 2014-406-S**.

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 16, 2015**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2014-406-S*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and *Docket No. 2014-406-S*.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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